

Specification Amendments

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1 line 2 of the specification:

This application is a continuation of United States patent application Ser. No. 10/015,487, filed on 12/11/2001.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 4, with the amended paragraph, as follows:

The length measuring scale 20 includes a series of length markings 26 and numeral designations 28. In one embodiment, the length markings 26 represent standard units of length, such as English units (e.g. inches), metric units (e.g. centimeters), etc. With the net configured in this way, a user can easily determine the size of a fish held in the net by aligning the fish with the length measuring scale, and visually comparing the fish with the length measuring scale to determine its length in the units of the scale.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 31, with the amended paragraph, as follows:

The length measuring scale 20 may be disposed on the fish net 14 in various ways. In one embodiment, the length markings 26 and numerals 28 are woven into the fabric of the net, possibly using a different color or type of material to form the woven markings and numerals. This approach allows the markings and numerals to be visible on both sides of the net fabric, and makes the measuring scale equally useful regardless of whether a user inverts the net from a given orientation. ~~However, it~~ It will be apparent that the numerals ~~will~~ may present a mirror image when viewed on one side, when compared to the other, depending on how they are woven into the net fabric. ~~However, it will be apparent that many configurations may be devised whereby woven numerals can be provided on the net fabric in such a way that properly written numerals are visible on~~

both sides of the net. This method also tends to produce a durable scale, with length markings and numerals which cannot be merely rubbed off.